

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Cruz Pedregon, one of the premier owners in the NHRA Funny Car series, is a champion in every sense of the word. Since entering the sport in 1991 Cruz has been a driver, car owner, and ESPN analyst;

Whereas, In 1992 Cruz won his first NHRA Funny Car becoming the only Funny Car driver other than racing legend John Force to win a title in the 1990s. In 1996 Pedregon raced to a third place finish in the NHRA championship point standings. In 1997 he became the first motorsports athlete to receive the "Premio De Oro", the only national award for Hispanic athletes;

Whereas, Serving as an ESPN analyst in 2001, Pedregon returned to the sport of NHRA drag racing as an owner driver in the Funny Car ranks. He reestablished himself as a competitor posting a career-best time and speed in 2003 and earning a number one qualifying position in 2004;

Whereas, Proving that continued hard work and dedication pays off, sixteen years after winning his first NHRA title, Cruz Pedregon is back on top winning the 2008 Funny Car championship this past November. The title was clenched when his brother Tony Pedregon defeated the only other driver left in contention at the year's final race;



Whereas, On the road to victory Cruz dominated the playoffs winning three of the four final round appearances, including the final three events of the season. He also claimed the one hundred thousand dollar prize at the NHRA Funny Car Showdown at O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis; and

Whereas, Cruz Pedregon has been a steady influence in the racing circuit for sixteen years. His dedication and work ethic inspires his team and crew to always push towards greater success. Recognizing the unique character of the Indiana racing community, Cruz moved his operation to Brownsburg from sunny California; Therefore:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby
- 2 recognizes Cruz Pedregon Racing for continued success over the years
- 3 and for winning his second Funny Car championship in 2008.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
- 5 distribute a copy of this resolution to Cruz Pedregon Racing.

